

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONDITION OF WORKING CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a number of fresh policy initiatives to study the nature, complexity and magnitude of problems of children particularly working children in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of new strategies finalised and action plan drawn for speedy and effective and sustaining improvement in the socio-economic condition of working children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) The Department of Women and Child Development has a National Policy for Children which was formulated in 1974 to provide adequate services to children and to ensure their full physical, mental and social development. Later on, in 1992, India acceded to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and since then India is consistently ensuring that children are given their rights. In addition, the National Plan of Action for Children has also been formulated in 1992 which contains the objectives and goals to be achieved by the year 2000.

The Ministry of Labour have informed that they have been implementing two Schemes for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work, namely, the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the Scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisation. These Schemes are continuing in the Ninth Plan. The Ministry of Labour relies on the decadal Census conducted by the Registrar General of Census for figures on the magnitude of child labour.